CLATSOP COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

History Matters

November /December 2023

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The First Annual Oregon Film Museum Selig Award

The Oregon Film Museum and Clatsop County Historical Society is excited to announce the first annual Oregon Film Museum Selig Award. Named for William Selig who, among his other many cinematic accomplishments, filmed the first known narrative film shot in Oregon: *The Fisherman's Bride*, filmed right here in Astoria in 1909. This award seeks to honor up-and-coming, young Oregon filmmakers.

In partnership with Outside the Frame, a Portland-based organization that teaches filmmaking skills to homeless and marginalized youth, this year's Selig honors Feven "Rose" Solomon. Solomon's short documentary *Stories I've Told the Stars* chronicles the lives of three men who fled their homes in Ethiopia in the 1980s to escape civil war.

A screening of *Stories I've Told the Stars* will be at the Liberty Theatre, November 10th at 7pm, followed by a Q & A with the filmmaker.

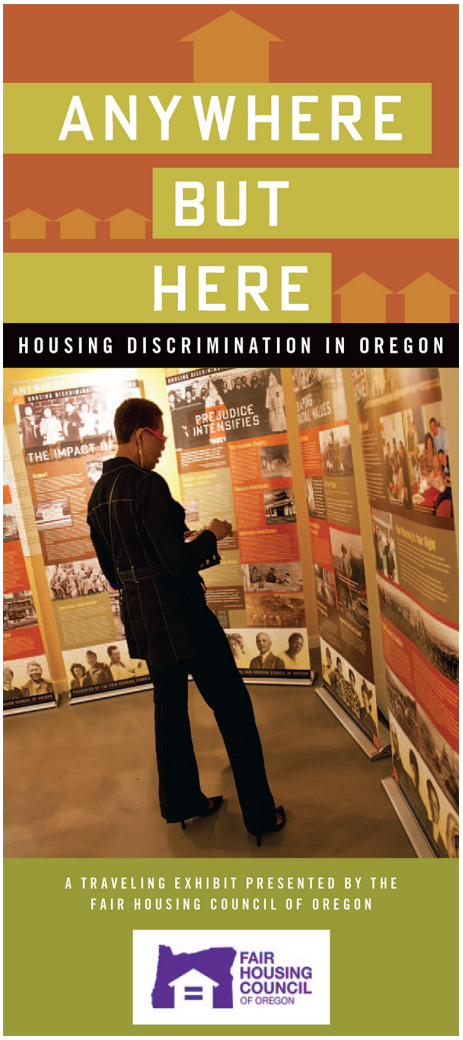
This event is free to the public

"Friend-raising" at the Portland Art Museum

On September 13, CCHS held a special "friend-raising" event at the Portland Art Museum to share some of our plans for the Oregon Film Museum. Guests were also able to see the "Guillermo del Toro: Crafting Pinocchio" exhibit. The director of the Academy Award-winning film, Mark Gustafson, was on hand to offer some thoughts on the Oregon Film Museum and the film industry.

The event was made possible through the generosity of Bornstein Seafoods, Buoy Beer, Pilot House Distilling, ShadowMachine, and Stoller Wine Group.

[l-r]: Pat Reser, Betsy Johnson, and Mark Gustafson; longtime friends of CCHS Ann and Tony Syrett; CCHS President Luke Colvin addresses the crowd; Pat Reser tells the audience why she supports the Oregon Film Museum; Pat Reser chats with some guests



Anywhere but Here
November 7-19
Opening Reception
November 7th, 5:30-7pm

Anywhere but Here: The History of Housing Discrimination in Oregon

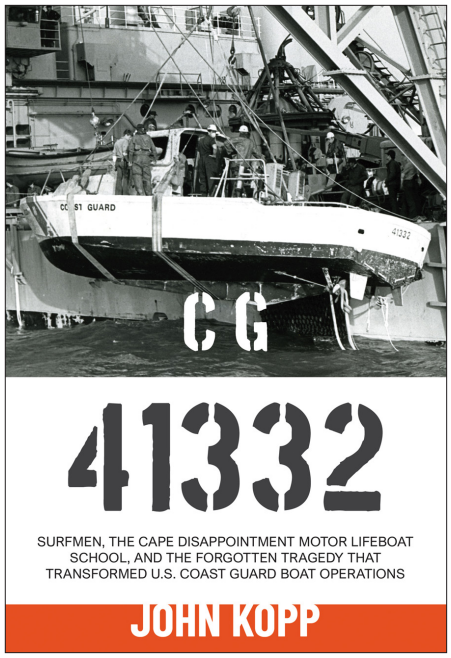
The Clatsop County Historical Society is delighted to host the Fair Housing Council of Oregon exhibit, *Anywhere but Here: The History of Housing Discrimination in Oregon*. This exhibit, "chronicles Oregon's largely unknown history of discrimination, segregation, and displacement, as well as the progress we've made in overcoming this history and the challenges that remain." Held in the same gallery as CCHS's own *Blocked Out: Race and Place in the Making of Modern Astorian*, *Anywhere but Here* serves as a powerful reminder of this recent history. See both exhibits at the Heritage Museum. Anywhere but Here is on view November 7th through the 19th. Opening reception November 7th, 5:30-7pm.

Anywhere but Here **is supported by an Oregon Business Development Department grant.**

Thursday Night Talks

Join us on the third Thursday of each month (October through May) at Fort George Brewery's Lovell Showroom for our lecture series Thursday Night Talks (TNT). November's TNT will feature guest speaker John Kopp, former Coast Guard member and author of *CG 41332, The Forgotten Tragedy that Transformed U.S. Coast Guard Boat Operations*. Kopp will explore the history of the surfmen and surfwomen who served in the U.S. Coast Guard and its predecessor, the U.S. Life-Saving Service.

Doors open at 6. Talk begins at 7.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JOHN KOPP

Curator's Corner

by Dr. Chelsea K. Vaughn, Curator

Our recent partnerships with Outside the Frame, the Portland Art Museum, and the Fair Housing Council of Oregon reminds me that collaborating with other organizations is one of my favorite things to do as Curator, and this past year was a great one for collaborations. In the spring, we worked with the North Coast Food Web and the Clatsop Community Action Regional Food Bank in creating the exhibit *Food for Thought*, which will be at the Heritage Museum through February. Then, over the summer, we shared a booth with Oregon Black Pioneers at the KMUN 40th Anniversary Block Party. Our two organizations created activities centered on Astoria's first known Black business owner, Roscoe Dixon, who lived here with his family from about 1880 to 1885.

[left] Kids try out stilts and other Victorian-era toys at the KMUN Block Party in an activity inspired by Dixon's son Chester's childhood in Astoria. [right] Chester Dixon, photographed by Betancue and Button of Astoria, circa 1884

Digital Archive News

by Julie Burpee, Digital Archivist

Holiday Memories from our Photo Album Collection

The family is gathered around the festive dinner table. Friends are smiling on the ski slope. Holiday cards arrive in the mail. Rain turns to snow as we celebrate the winter season together. Someone gets out a camera and then develops the film. These precious ictures are placed into the family photo album. Now you and I can enjoy flipping through over 90 photo albums in the CCHS Internet Archive to remind us of our own past holidays. We hope these smiling faces from the past bring you joy and good cheer this Holiday Season.

Our photo album collection includes those from Mignon Allen Cellars [middle] of Astoria and Orphra Kleckner [lower] of Westport

Check out these and more than 3,000 other items items in our digital collection!

https://archive.org/details/clatsopcountyhistoricalsociety

Christmastime at the Flavel House

Celebrate the holidays this December with the Flavels at the Flavel House Museum. See the house decorated in true Victorian fashion, and indulge in a favorite Victorian tradition, tea and plum pudding.

The Flavel House Museum will feature two Victorian-style trees and other holiday sundries from November 28th through December 30th. Regular museum times and admission applies.

Tea and plum pudding will be served on weekends at 1-4pm throughout December and every day from December 26th through the 30th. Special weekday servings can be arranged for groups of twelve or more. This event costs $14 per person or $10 for CCHS members and includes regular admission to the Flavel House Museum.

For more information about this event or to arrange a serving for a group of twelve or more, please call 503-325-2203 or e-mail: info@astoriamuseums.org.

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Upcoming Events

November 7: *Anywhere but Here: The History of Housing Discrimination in Oregon* opening reception, Heritage Museum, 1618 Exchange Street, 5:30-7pm, exhibit runs November 7-19

November 10: Oregon Film Museum Selig Award, Liberty Theatre, 1203 Commercial Street, doors open at 6

November 16: *TNT,* Fort George Brewery Lovell Showroom, 1483 Duane Street, doors open at 6

December 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 23, and 26-30: Tea and Plum Pudding at the Flavel House, 1-4pm, $14 per person/$10 for CCHS Members, includes regular admission to the Flavel House

December 21: *TNT*, Fort George Brewery Lovell Showroom, 1483 Duane Street, doors open at 6

Ongoing Events

Sundays, 8:30-9pm: Mac Burns and Alana Kujala host *An Adventure in History* on KMUN

Wednesdays at 1pm: Flavel House Garden Society Volunteers meet at the Flavel House Grounds

Now through February 2024: *Food for Thought* exhibit at the Heritage Museum, 1618 Exchange Street

Emma and Mrs. Donnerberg in a One-horse Open Sleigh

…past the Flavel House they go, laughing all the way…

Join us for even cozier winter scenes inside the Flavel House Museum, decorated November 28th through December 30th for the holiday season.